

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in this application. Claims 25-48 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected group. Claims 9 and 25-48 are canceled hereby. Claims 21-23 are objected to; and claims 1-20 and 24 are rejected. Claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 19 and 21 are amended hereby. Claim 49 is added hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 9-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection of claim 9, and have amended claim 19 keeping in mind the comments of the Examiner. Regarding this rejection of claim 9, claim 9 further limits the device of claim 1 because the force device arrangement, which is part of the device of claim 1, is further structurally limited in claim 9 as acting on the bearing lever. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-17 and 19 are in allowable form.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 18-20 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,409,857 (Pallas et al.), Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 9, and have canceled claim 9, which limitations the Examiner has indicated are allowable at page 5 of the Office Action. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 1, and claims 2, 18-20 and 24 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by U.S. Patent No. 6,409,857 (Pallas et al.), Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 9, and have canceled claim 9, which limitations the Examiner has indicated are allowable at page 5 of the Office Action. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 1, and claims 3-8 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated claims 9-17 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and obviating any informalities, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. As previously discussed, claim 9 is definite as filed, and Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 9. Applicants have amended claims 10, 11 and 17 to depend from claim 1. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 1, and claims 10-17 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated claims 21-23 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. Applicants have amended claim 21 to include the limitations of claims 1 and 20. Claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 21. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 21-23 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

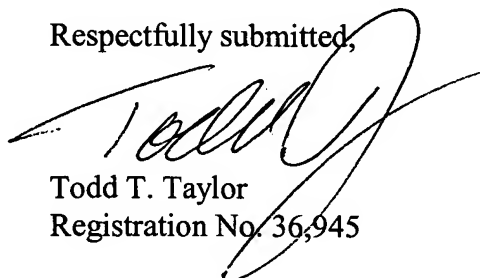
Applicants have added new claim 49 to further protect the patentable subject matter of the present application. In particular, claim 49 recites in part a device for coating a moving fiber material web including a coating unit for a two-dimensional application of a liquid to pasty application medium to the moving fiber material web which limitations the Examiner has indicated were given no patentable weight because they were not included in the body of the claim. Claim 49 further recites the coating unit including a first roll and a second roll whereas Pallas et al. '857 discloses a single gluing roller in a gluing unit which presses against a separate fluted roller provided for corrugation of a composite sheet. An advantage of the present invention is that the web can be coated on both sides if desired. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 49 is now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Moreover, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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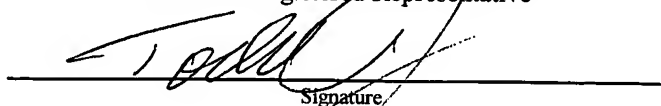
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